



## **City and Borough of Sitka**

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Dear Ms. Gendron:

The Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee (SPRC) voted unanimously at their 11/1/07 meeting to support fully the proposed release of ATS 298, Tract I – A, the Sitka Airport islands, to the Department of Natural Resources.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 176 will create a legislatively designated State Park, Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historic Park, within ATS 298, Tract I - A. State Park management will allow public access to the site via boat to visit WWII historic resources via the Causeway trail. The project to create the park and trail are listed in the 2003 Sitka Trail Plan, to which the City and Borough of Sitka is a MOU partner. The implementation of the 2003 Sitka Trail Plan is a goal of SPRC.

The Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee supports the Fort Rousseau Causeway State Historic Park project and the release of the islands in ATS 298, Tract I – A that are currently part of the Sitka Airport property for this purpose. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Tim Riley, Chair  
Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee